TRUSTEES MAKE REPORT

Remarkable Attendance on Presbyterian Assembly.

THE WORLD REPRESENTED

The Committee on Bills and Overture Make Report on Many Overtures. The Members Visit the Na-

LEXINGTON, VA., May 25.—After a restful Sabbath in a quiet town, with services in all the churches by visiting sembly of the Southern Presbyterian came to their work this morning well prepared for the arduous duties

was called to order by the moderator, Dr. Hopkins, was the report of the trus-tees of the General Assembly for the year ending April 30th, 1963, which was

year ending April 30th, 1963, which was as follows:

Balance from last year, \$78.70; receipts during the last fiscal year, \$19,830.03; total receipts, \$10,008.82. Disbursements to different causes of the church, as directed by the donors, \$15,881.38. Balance in hands of the treasurer, \$72.28, and on deposit, \$3,055.16. The trustees reported \$3,055.16 of the bequest of Miss Mary Stuart, late of Alexandria, Va., as provide for in the following item of her will, dated March 28th, 1801; "From and after the death of the said Miss Mary Brown, I give, devise and bequeath all the residue of my said estate, after the payment of the aforesaid legacies, or such of them as may not lapse, to the trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (popularly known as the 'Southern Presbyterian Church'), for the use and benefit of said church."

The committee asked how this fund should be appiled.

EXPIRATIONS.

The term of the following officers express with this meeting of the board, and

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eparation of statistical reports to Presterles, and referred to the committee
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OVERTURES.

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V. T. Hall, chairman, made a partial
t, as follows:

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to Committee on Education and Min-

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Answered not allowed. Adopted.

(4). Overture from Presbytery of Charleston that the stated clerk be required to make publication two weeks in advance of all stated days of occasions of prayer appointed by this General As-

sombly, etc. Adopted.

(b)—Overture from the Presbytery of New Orleans that blank reports for all societies be provided. Granted by committee, but docketed by the assembly.

(6)—Presbytery of Memphis overtured for suitable blanks for Sunday-school work. NIGHT SUBJECTS.

Dr. Thornton Whaling, chairman of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reperted that for night sessions there would be popular meetings, as follows: Tuesday night, foreign missions; Wednesday night, home missions; Thursday night, colored evangelization. Adopted.

He also offered a resolution that the American Tract Society receive the commendation of the assembly. Adopted.

There was no public session of the assembly this afternoon, but a number of commissioners and friends visited the Natural Bridge, driving to that point in carriages.

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The committees, however, have put in the afternoon in their special work.

There is a remarkable attendance at the assembly, sach as possibly never before. Among them are Dr. C. C. Owen and wife, or Korea; Dr. J. W. Moore and wife, or Korea; Dr. J. W. Moore and wife, Japan; Dr. H. C. Dubose, Rev. W. H. Hudson and Mrs. Addle Sloan, China; Dr. W. M. Thompson and wife, Dr. Graham (formerly of Scotland), Rev. S. R. Gammon and wife and Miss Charlotto Kemper, Brazil; Rev. W. M. Morrison, Africa.

The popular meeting to-night at 8:20 o'clock was in the interest of ministerial relief. The speakers were Dr. I. S. Me-Elroy, of Richmond, Va.; Henry A. Moore, of Texarkana, Texns; Dr. W. M. McPheeters, of St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. J. T. Plunkett, of Augusta, Ga.

THE MODERATOR.

The moderator of the General Assembly is Rev. A. C. Horkins, D. D., of Charlestown, W. Va. Dr. Hopkins was born in Powhatan county, Va., October 24, 1853. He received his academic education at Hampden-Sidney College and his theological training at Union Theological Seminary, After graduation he was called to the Presbyterian Church in Martinsburg, W. Va., and later served the Wills Church in Cumberland county, Va.

Dr. Hopkins entered the Confederate services and was made chaplain of the Second Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Britagae, As a chaplain he was sympathetic and kind, and was greatly beloved by his

In October, 1886, Dr. Hopkins was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at mariestown, W. Va., and has since continuously served that congregation, by whom he is held in the highest esteem. He brings to the office of moderator long and useful service to his church, and his prominence in the councils of his denomination will serve him good stead as presiding officer over the highest court of his great church.

ONANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL

The Consolidation Plan Brings Fine

The Consolidation Plan Brings Fine Results.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ONANCOUK, VA., May 25.—The closing exercises of the Onancock High School took place on the evenings of May 2st and 2st after one of the most successful sessions in its history. A delightful recital by the pupils of the elecution and music departments was the feature on Thursday evening. Friday evening the commencement exercises, interspersed with plane and violin selections by the music pupils, were observed. An address on 'The Ethical Phase of Education' was delivered by the Rev. J. Scott Meredith, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Superinendent of Schools G. G. Joynes made a statement as regards the development of the high school, praising the work of the teachers and remarking upon the low cost of the tultion per pupil in this, a consolidated school, in comparison with the one teacher and the grammar schools in the vicinity. His figures were as follows: Six one treacher schools, average cost of tuition per pupil in actual dility attendance for the month of

Doughty.

The high school has had an enrollment during the past session of 160 pupils, nearly 50 of which are in the three-years' high school course. It's graduates are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools, and by the University of Virginia.

A BOND ELECTION

Chase City to Vote on Street Improvement-New Census Being Taken.

CHASE CITY, VA., May 28.-The oters of Chase City will vote on the 0th of June to decide whether or not to issue ds for macadamizing streets and other

bonds for macasana.

A new registration of voters is now in progress to conform to the requirements under the new Constitution.

The postofflee authorities have decided to lease a large room, 24 by 80 feet, on Main Street, under the new Township and the town postofflees.

he Finch farm, near nere, or \$2,000. It was bought from the owner, vio lives in Illinois.

There are between fifty and sixty yuests at the Mecklenburg, with daily arrivals, and all well pleased with the mineral waters and entertain-

BOYKIN'S GRADED SCHOOL

Medals Awarded by Distinguished Speakers-Concert by the School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYKINS, VA., May 25.—The closing
exercises of the Boykins Graded School was held Thursday and Friday ovenings. The address was delivered by Mr. W. J Schrell, of Courtland, Va., Commonwealth Attorney.

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The medal on declamation was presented to Miss Minnie Beaton by Mr. J. N. d. Sr., of Courtland.

Mr. R. D. Stephenson, of Branchville, Va., presented Miss Grace Knight with the medal on penmanship.

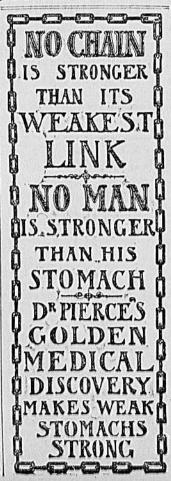
Mr. W. R. Sykes delivered the medal on spelling to Miss Grace Knight.

There being a tie on penmanship, Miss Leola Hill was also presented with a medal by Mr. R. W. Grizzard, the popular principal of the school.

Friday evening's entertainment was a concert given by the girls and boys of the school.

A Gracious Rain.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROXBURY, VA., May 25.—This section
was visited Saturday by a splendid rain.
To-day the farmers are busy putting
out potate plants. Vegetation, which had
been to suffer greatly has now put on
riew life. Wheat is looking fine. All the
sin farmers are smilling at the bright prospects for a fine crop.



NOT STOPPED BY DOWNPOUR

Thousands Go Through Rain to Hear Stuart.

SOUND DROWNED BY RAIN

The Body of Milford Pettus of Blackstone Found Floating in the Appomattex River-Conference of Y. M. C. A. Secretaries.

whiskey on their breath.

The rain fell in such torrents that the vice of the speaker could not be heard above the sound. Hymns were sung, and so deafening was the falling rain that singers could not hear no sounds of those sitting next to them. The vast crowd kept perfect order. When the storm was at its height every light in the house went out, but there was not a word heard among the vast throng.

"All things come to him who waits," and the men cager to hear the message of the distinguished evengelist sat till the storm had spent its fury.

ADAPTED HIMSELF.

About half-past 9 o'clock the storm had subsided sufficiently for the speaker to be heard over the hall. He said that would adapt himself to conditions and would not preach the sermon to had in rained for the occasion. He announced his intertion to preach another sermon to men during the week, and said he had a "stump-digger" for the occasion.

Mr. Stuart's subject hast night was "Elements of Manhood." Before the audlence was dismissed he requested that every person in the house stand up who from that hour would say: "By God's help I shall endeavor from this hour to lead a better life." Hardly two hundred persons out of the two thousand kept their seats.

BODY IN RIVER.

The body of a colored man, identified

BODY IN RIVER.
The body of a colored man, identified a that of Milford Pettus, of Blackstone, ras found floating in the Appointance.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

All the secretaries and paid employes
of the Young Mori's Christian Associations
in Virginia will hold a conference in Petersburg for two days, beginning tomorrow morning. Methods and measures
for carrying on the work will be discussed.
Dr. S. D. Jordan, a distinguished Bible
teacher, of Ohlo, will attend the conference. There will be about twenty pres-

The colored Spanish War veterans held anniversary exarcises at Zion Church, in this city, yesterday afternoon. The zermon was preached by Rev. Peyton, of Richmond. A company of veterans from Norfolk came up to attend the exercises.

A LADY FALLS.

Mrs. A. W. Burgees fell and was rendered unconscious this morning in setting from a street car on Washington Street. She was not seriously injured and recoverd in a short time.

The heaviest ruln of the season fell in this city last night. The rainfall was heavy in all the adjoining counties. In Dinwiddle county rain fell to a depth of two or three inches.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Elegant Entertainment at the Old Townsend Residence.

send Residence.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA., May 26.—
The old Townsend residence was the scene of a happy birthday party Thurstay, May 14, given in honor of W. Forest Gillam. For several days previous laborate preparations were made, resulting in a most pleasing effect. Long ropes of evergreen were festooned through the

roses and cut ilowers, and malden-hair ferns were most inviting.

The britching table scatted twenty-five, and one of its attractions was a large cake a fift of the color of Bowls. At 3 A. M. all departed for their homes, wishing Mr. Gilliam many happy birth-

CRACKSMEN AT WORK

Junior Mechanics Hold Festival-Gun Club Officers.

Club Officers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., May 25.—The safe of the Clifton Forge Bottling Works was blown open and robbed Sunday morning of \$15 and several unendorsed checks. The robbery was committed hetween 1 and 2 o'clock at a time when a thunder storm was raging. It is supposed that professionals did the work as tools were stolen from a nearby blacksmith shop.

shop.
The Junior Order United American Me-heanless gave an ice-cream festival in Nettleton Hall Friday and Saturday nights. A good sun was made which will be used to buy paraphernalia for the Order.

be used to buy paraphyrometric order. The Lades' Gulid of the Episconal Church gave a musical at the residence of Mrs. E. W. Ortee, Friday night.
The Clifton Forge Gun Club have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Dr. John C. Wysor, president; John A. Sproul, vice-president; Thornton Baskerville, excretary and treasurer.

GOOD ROADS

The Chesterfield Association to Employ

a Superintendent.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIEID C. H., VA., May 25.—
The Chesterfield Good Roads Association
met at the courthouse Monday, May
35th, at the request of Judge Clopton,
for the purpose of suggesting the names
of competent man to serve as road com-

missioners under the amendment to the Chesterfield read law. The judge of the county appointed Mr. H. Swineford, for Dale; H. E. Harnish, for Manchester; J. A. Strachan, for Bermuda; O. L. Ivey, for Matoaca; J. B. Waikins, for Midlethian, and John H. Balley, for Clover Hill district.

As the Board of Supervisors are required by the amendment to appoint a superintendent of roads before. June 21st, the Good Roads Association called another meeting for the second Monday in June, and suggested to the board the advisability of advertising in the daily papers for a competent man to fill the office, and not necessarily confine applicants to be citizens of Chesterfield county; and also on the day of the meeting of the Good Roads Association and the day of the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors (the second Monday in June) for the applicants to appear before the Board of Supervisors, who will fix the salary to be puid the superintendent of roads on that day.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES

R. E. Lee Camp Decrate the Graves of Dead Comrades.

special to The Times-Dispatch.) XANDRIA, VA., May 25.—Confed Memorial Day was appropriately

were buried several diers.
The graves of the Confederates in and about the city were strewn with flow-

HALIFAX COUNTY COURT

License Refused to Happy Hollow

A License Refused to Happy Hollow Distillery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HOUSTON, VA., May 25.—The long and distressing drought in Hallfax county was broken yesterday evening, refreshing showers fell in many parts of the county and to-day the farmers are so busy planting tobacco that the crowd at court is very small.

A special grand jury was impannelled and several indiciments were found. None of general interest. R. R. Holland and J. P. Estes made application to open the Happy Hollow distillery in the town of South Boston, which the court denied on the ground that the certificate of the Town Council of said town required to be obtained by any one selling liquor in said town, was not procured.

Counsel for applicant held that this certificate was not necessary in the case of a distillery and noted an appeal to the Circuit Court.

FIRE BY LIGHTNING

Two Barns Destroyed in Sunday Morn ing's Storm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA. May 25.—
uring a severe thunder storm at an
urly hour Sunday morning, lighting

FATAL SHOOTING IN THE SOUTHWEST

Scott County Furnishes Two Mortal Combats on Sunday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GATE CITY, VA., May 25.—A telephone message received gives an account of a serious shooting near Dungamon, Scott county, on Sunday, in which Brayton Sayler mortally wounded Lill Ramey. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between Sayler and Ramey over a notice given Sayler by Ramey to vacate



WIDE AWAKE **EMPORIA**

Wonderful Prosperity of Little Virginia Town.

THE WEALTH IN LUMBER

t is from the Woods Round About tha Its Raw Material Comesand Energy and Enterprise Convert it Info Wealth.

EMPORIA, GREENESVILLE CO., VA. day 25.—It is pretty safe to assert that here is not a town in Virginia, large or

Ten years ago about two hundred peo ple lived here, dozing the days away,

ar.
know larger banking rooms in Vira, but I do not recall having seen
e beautifully finished interiors than
to of the two banks in Emporia. Fiece and beauty are combined in a way.

those of the two banks in Emporia. Elegence and beauty are combined in a way most pleasing to one's aesthetic sense and suggestive to the man of business of solidity and stability.

ENTERPRISE AND THRIFT.

The general appearance of Emporia indicates enterprise, thrift and growth. There is one solid block of brick stores and offices that are all occupied by busy teannts. I was informed that as a result of the demand for such buildings they are almost invariably leased before the work of construction is finished, and rents are much higher than in the average town of Emporia's size.

market at Emporia is supplied very largely from the adjacent country. For instance, the chicken which I had for dinner at the Central Hotel to-day came
from a nearby farm; the peas were grown
in a patch but a few miles out; other
vegetables came from the same place or
from one not far away. Strawberries of
surpassing flavor were gathered on a
truck farm near town; the milk and butter were brought in by the farmers. It
was a homespun dinner.

There is a considerable amount of cotton grown in Greeneaville county. I was
teld that probably every pound of it is
sold in Emporia. While there are no distinctively cotton merchants in the town,
nearly all the retail dealers in other lines
are generally glad to buy the staple. The
farmer hauls his bale to town, and has
but to let the merchants know he has it
on the market. His wagon is soon surrounded with bidders, and the "high man"
gets the bale. It is shipped to Norfolk by
the purchaser.

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There are probably forty stores of varicus kinds in Emporia; nobody seems to know the exact number. I couldn't see or learn that a single one of these was threatened with anything like bankruptey. Of course, even a well-soasoned newspaper writer must draw the line somewhere in questions, and a preity safe place to draw it is on the near side of an intergratory designed to elleit information in direct language concerning a man's prospects of immediate insolvency. But there are signs about a business house which are not to be misread. Those seen in and around the Emporia establishments are all pointed in the direction of prospectiv.

The town has an excellent electric lighting system. The are lights on the streets alpear to be nearly as good as those of Relmand, and the stores and hotels are as well lighted by incandescent larms as are such buildings in other towns. The telephone system is unusually good, Judging by the excellent service given. The light company also operates the telephone system and the lee plact. The latter is a big enterrise and a profitable one.

LACKS WATER SYSTEM.

The town lacks paying and a water system and the lee plact. The latter is a big enterrise and a profitable one.

LACKS WATER SYSTEM.

The town lacks paying and a water system. There are some good sidewalks, but the streets are only dirt roads, in which the dust is now of a theleness or great I am afraid to tell the truth.

Emporia. The subject is being agitated. The business men of the town realize that it is one of the pressing needs of the place, the lack of which is retarding its growth as nothing else is doing. The prediction is made that paying will begin inside of a year. There is little

reason to doubt the fulfillment of the prophecy.

There is no water system. The substitute is private tanks, supplied with water driven by electric motors. There are pumps all over the town, and the water is of finest quality. Borne of the merchants are endeavoring now to inaugurate a system of airset sprinkling. The need of some method of alleying the dust of the streets is urgently felt.

But such men as those who compose the business strength of Dimporla will not long be content with makeshifts. Tanks and private street sprinkling will have to go, and in their stead the town will have its system of water mains and sowcrage pipes.

It may be that there are some Dimporlans who oppose paved effects, because to have them would be to make employment scarcer for the chain-gang. For Emporla has a chain-gang. The sergeant and his deputy generally have a goodly-sized gang of unwilling workers on their hands, mending the streets. Recruits are obtained from among habitues of the places of refreshment, not soda fountains, that so frequently gladden this sight of the thirsty in Emporla. For in this town of something less than 3,000 souls—men, women and children—there are no less than eleven saloons. One cilizen gravely informed me that the town was growing better; that two saloons had closed this year. Reformation at this speed would leave one barman growing rich beyond the dream of avarice at the end of five years, and most probably beyond the reach of moral suasion. Estimating that aduit males compose one-third of the population of Emporla, there is a saloon in town for every seventy-five of them 1 is certain that a large portion, perhaps half, maybe a majority of the men of this town, are total abstainers. It will occur to the reader that somebody is drinking a lot of whiskey in this town. I have seen no indications of an unusual amount of drunkenness. On last Saurday afternoon and night, for instance, when the town was crowded with hands from the mills, which closed at half-past of the population, though many had tak

broke the hush of the woods with the ring of the axe and the whirr of the saw. And Virghians have done it. Virghia men and Virghia money (of course, there are notable exceptions) have cleared away the wilderness, and though they have not turned it into a garden, they have made the woods yield wealth, and have helped thousands of men and women solve the vexing problem of how to keep soul and body together.

WALITER EDWARD HARRIS.

THE CASE DISMISSED

Matter of the Legality of Loca

Option Election Not Tested. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., May 25.—Some time ago John Gibson, agent for the Robert Porther Brewing Company, was fined one hundred dollars in the Mayor's Court for selling beer in a local option district. The case was appealed and came up on appeal this afternoon. The grounds of appeal was the recent election, which made Danville a dry town, was illegal. The Commonwealth asked the case to be dismissed as they could not sustain their charge and this prevented them going into the matter of the legality of the election.

The question will come up later on some other case.

THE PAMUNKEY BRIDGE

Structure Which is Let to Contract Will Be Built on Piles.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETNA MILLS, VA., May 25.—The building of the bridge across the Pamunkoy River at "Nelson" has been let to H. A. Hall, of Studley, Va. It is to be an improvement on the old one that washed provement on the old one that washed away about two months ago. It will be built on piles. The people are pleased at Mr. Hall getting the contract, as he is an expert hand at this kind of work, and a hustier. Over this bridge is an all-road route to Richmond.

Mr. Peter Paul, who is in sympathy, has kindly given the piles from his large estate.

tate. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks, of Ashland, are visiting the home of Mr. C. Tuck, the parents of Mrs. Brooks.

STORE ROBBED A Colored Farmer's Horses Killed by Lightning.

Lightning.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

YORCTOWN, VA., May 25.—J. R. Hill

& Co., merchants, doing business about
ten miles below here were the victims of
a robbery the past week. The store
was entered in the clerk's absence and
despoiled of \$30 in cash and goods.

John Wells, the worthy colored farmer,
lost two valuable horses by lightning during the severe electrical storm yesterday
evening.

The owner discovered his loss when he
went to the stable to feed. He is left
without a team to work his crop. He
estimates his loss between \$250 and \$300.

Will Be Buried in Lancaster.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., May 25.—The remains of L. C. Hughlett, who committed suicide here Saturday, will leave here to-night for Lancaster, Va., where he will be buried to-morrow. The remains were accompanied by his three brothers.

And feel well, too, if you will only take a dose of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters before each meal. It will allo DIGES. TION, PREVENT THE BOWELS FROM BECOMING CONSTIPATED and the blood impure, STRADY THE NERVES and STIMULATE THE LIVER AND KIDNEYS. These are the secrets of good health and must be observed. Hundreds of sickly men and women have been made strong and healthy by the Bitters. He sure to try it. Stricken While He Prayed.

(Bectal to The Times-Dispatch.)

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SUFFOLK, VA. May 22.—While offerling up a prayer for the betterment of the
human race. Henry Johnson, an aged colored veteran, vesterday evening was

stricken dead in the Pine-Street A. M.

He was asked lead in prayer and he
had not proceeded far with the petition
when the death stroke came.

During the Civil War he was a bugler
in the northern army.

HIS PAROLE WAS BROKEN

Sensational Story in Connection With Artilleryman.

A WOMAN IN THE CASE

Failed to Appear for Examination for Promotion and Then Told a Tale About It-Son of a Wealthy Philadelphia Man.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 25.—A
sensational story has just come to light
at Fort Monroe. It involves the good
name of First Lieutenant David MoCoach, formerly of the Fifth Regiment

McCoach was ordered before the examining board at Old Point Comfort for examination for promotion to a captaincy. At the time appointed for his examination he failed to show up. On Thursday he appeared before Colonel Story, commandant of the fort, and explained that a porter at the Chamberling Hotel had allowed him to oversieep himself, and asked to be excused on that ground.

It is said that Colonel Story began a quiet investigation, and learned that the young officer was not in the hotel that night at all, but that he was seen in Norfolk with a woman.

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ARREST ORDERED.

Colonel Story immediately ordered the arrest of McCuch, and preferred charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The court-martial was set for to-day, and McCoach was paroled, being allowed the freedom of the Sherwood Hotel. When the case was called to-day Lleutenant McCoach could not be found, and it was announced that he had broken his parole and disappeared.

McCoach is a married man, and is the son of a Philadelphia millionaire. It is reported that his wife arrived on the scene Friday and that he disappeared before she reached the hotel.

McCoach was at one time stationed at Fort Monroe. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and entered the United States service July 6th, 1898. He is a bright young man, and undoubtedly would have been promoted to a captaincy had he been on band to take the examination.

TO SETTLE STRIKE.

The Chamber of Commerce was scheduled to hold a special meeting this morning for the purpose of receiving a committee from the Central Labor Union, with a request that the hody take some action toward having the carpenters strike settled. The meeting did not materialize, however, as there was no quorum present.

The committee of the labor union expensent.

resent.
The committee of the labor union pects to settle the strike in a day or two now without the aid of the Chamber, so it is probable that another meeting will not be called.

slot machine question has beer tetically settled in this city. Some te ago, before the Legislature passed special act shutting out the mathe special act shutting out the ma-chines, C. Belnap, the owner of a num-ber of machines in the city, was con-victed under the lottery statute, fined heavily and given two months in jail. A motion to set aside the verdict was made and the argument heard, and Judge Bar-ham, of the Corporation Court, reserved als decision.

his decision.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED.

To-day the judge rendered his decision, granting the new trial, but no order was entered in the case on account of the absence of Commonwealth's Attorney Robinson, who is not in the city.

The granting of a new trial practically ends the case, as the lottery statute was the only one under which a conviction could be gotten until the special act was passed.

passed.

Beliap cannot, of course, be tried under the new act, as his offense was committed before the act was passed.

FRENCH CRUISER.

The French cruiser Tagge arrived at Old Point to-day, and was saluted by the United States ships anchored off the point.

A large chapter of the Army and Navy Union was organized on board the battleship Texas Saturday night. Nearly one hundred members were enrolled.

The policemen are very much distressed over their summer uniforms. The uniforms were made by contract and every man on the force except one was compelled to send his clothes back for alterations.

HAIL IN MECKLENBURG

Vegetation Completely Ruined-Heavy Rains.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLARKSVILLE, VA., May 25,—Clarks-ville and vicinity was visited Saturday afternoon with the heaviest hall storm seen here in the last fifty years or more. The hall ranged in size all the way from an English pea to a guinea egg and for fifteen or twenty minutes was an increasant downpour.

The ground was literally covered one or two inches deep with hall stones and leaves. Gardens were for the most part utterly ruined. Wheat and oats in neighboring fields and as far back in the county as heard from was hopelessly injured and car only be utilized by cutting down and curing for forage.

Comparatively little tobacce had been planted, so the loss in that line was small. The heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday will enable the farmers to finish their planting without further delay.

Because I Love You.

Because I Love You.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICK'S HALL, VA., May 25.—
The "Louisa Amateur Opera Troupe" presented "Because I Love You" Friday night, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a crowded house. The play was given for the benefit of the Confederate monument to be erected at Louisa Court-house.

house.

Among the principal actors in the play were Judge F. W. Sims, J. E. Porter, Mr. George L. Black and J. F. Blokars and Misses Bessie Johnson, Jeanette Bibb and Miss Edna Keene. About \$50 was real-

A Passing Type.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BON AIR, VA., May 25.—"Uncle" Bandy Fleming, one of the former type of darkies, now repidity disappearing, was buried at his church, near Bon Air, last